

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1391

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Ridin' High, Incorporated.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize members of those honorable organizations which, through their many good works, create environments which benefit those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Ridin' High, Inc. is surely one such organization. Founded in 1993, Ridin' High is a recreational and therapeutic horseback riding program designed for children and adults with mental and physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Ridin' High was reorganized in 1998 as a non-profit corporation and became an Operating Center under the umbrella of the North American for the Handicapped Association; and

WHEREAS, by opening its stables to those with disabilities, Ridin' High enables its riders to experience a number of physical benefits from increased mobility while extending an opportunity to interact with others, gain self-confidence, learn patience, and achieve a well-earned feeling of accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, the very act of riding a horse gives those with impaired mobility the chance to experience a gentle and rhythmical motion which mimics a human walking gait, enabling improvements in balance, strength, and flexibility; and

WHEREAS, though at its start the program had only two riders, three volunteers, and two horses, Ridin' High has grown to now accommodate up to thirty riders at a time and is staffed primarily by a large number of dedicated and well-trained volunteers; and

WHEREAS, it is certainly fitting that this body formally recognize the good men and women of Ridin' High, Inc. for the impact the organization has made on the lives of those with disabilities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that were hereby recognize and applaud the individuals of Ridin' High, Incorporated for their unwavering dedication to those with disabilities and celebrate the positive impact they have had on so many lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.